

Church News.

FROM WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO.

At the invitation of brother William Kiefer, pastor of the Fair Haven church, Wayne Co., Ohio, I began a meeting in that congregation on the 6th of October last; the first evening's meeting was a love feast which was well attended. The number of communicants surrounding the tables was nearly one hundred, including a number of visitors from surrounding congregations. Among others present on that occasion were brother Miller, of Ashland, brother Jacobs, of Homer and brother Brinkworth, of Louisville.

While there are some good purposes served by beginning a protracted meeting with a communion, yet on the whole I think it will generally be found better to defer the communion till the close of the revival. If the meeting is in any degree successful, one of its most immediate results will be an increased religious fervor among the membership; and when the hearts of God's children have been made warm by a more vivid realization of God's goodness and love, a participation of the ordinances of his house will be attended by increased profit and enjoyment.

The Fair Haven congregation is the home of brother P. J. Brown and his labors together with the unwearied earnestness and zeal of the genial pastor of the congregation, contributed much to the success which God gave the church during our meeting. If I was to undertake to name the instruments through which the Lord most frequently works, and which he blesses most largely to the conversion of sinners, I could name nothing, outside of his Word, more potent as a factor for good, and contributing more helpfully to the making of accessions to the church, than a prayerful concern for souls, kindly and intelligently manifested by the membership. Systematic work, patiently carried forward in the spirit of the Master and participated in by the whole church, can hardly fail of success. During the meeting we had an able body of willing workers and brother Kiefer ought to feel thankful that his ministerial lot is cast among such a zealous band of efficient helpers. An important feature of the meeting was the excellent singing under the direction of brother B. F. Swinehart. A half-hour at the beginning of each evening service was devoted to song and prayer, and those meetings were especially enjoyable, and were made more so by the fact that so large a proportion of the membership were found willing to participate in the public prayer service. The results of the meetings, so far as concerns visible results, have already been given in the EVANGELIST. There were nineteen accessions to the church.

I shall not soon forget the kindness, the hospitality and the liberality of the people of Fair Haven and my prayer is for their continued growth and prosperity.

On Friday evening, Nov. 2nd, the meeting closed, having continued four weeks with good attendance and fair weather during almost the whole time.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

FROM DOWAGIAC, MICH.

It has been some time since I last wrote for the columns of our valuable paper, the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. Well brethren the long-felt spiritual drowsiness here at Bethel church, Mich., has broken. Brother John M. Fox of Peru, Ind., came to us on Oct. 16, and preached for us each eve, with the exception of five, until Nov. 5th; two nights sister Laura Grossnickle spoke, then there was a S. S. entertainment one night, then it stormed us out two nights, making five in all. Most of the nights were dark and then the political campaign had its effect.

Notwithstanding all of the disadvantages there were eight to make the good confession to go with the people of God. Four were baptized and there are four more to be baptized and there were many more almost persuaded some of which we think will come to the church in the near future.

I can tell you the foundation which brother Fox laid and built upon is bound to win for him and the church a great and grand victory. In fact it will stand when heaven and earth passeth away for "he builds on the rock Christ Jesus." I think we have only begun reaping the harvest which will come of his sowing. I tell you his preaching of the Word shook the powers that be and we could seem to see them receding into the distance beyond.

I can tell you when the sharp two-edged sword is unsheathed by a man of God like Johnny Fox, the enemy begins to send out the flag of truce. He made many friends while here, and arrangements are already being made to have him preach for the Bethel church for one year, three meetings per month. We think he is a fine man and we know that he is a hard and earnest worker.

We had one of the nicest communions meeting that your humble servant ever attended, on Monday evening, Nov. 5th. There were twenty-one surrounded the table of the Lord and mostly those who had never communed before. Pray much for us that we may enjoy many more such ones.

WALTER CLARK.

SPIRITUAL JOTTINGS.

The Lord is answering our prayers, and blessing our labors. We had baptism last Tuesday and Wednesday nights. Will have baptism again Thursday night, also Sunday night

and to-night a week—Wednesday night. Three accepted invitation Sunday night; three Monday night; two last night.

We have already had more immediate success than we expected. Hence, our faith was not great enough. We can not hope for a great ingathering at once but we do hope for gradual revival of religion, to continue all winter. To this end we are praying and laboring. Will give a fuller account when meetings close. Brethren, continue to hold us up before the Lord. I often pray earnestly for our dear editor, EVANGELIST and all the work of the church. I am praying [that Chicago, New York and Philadelphia may each build up a large consecrated Gospel Alone church.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

FROM OAKLAND, PA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—I come again with news of progress. In this part of the vineyard of our Lord, we have received three valuable members into our fellowship: one by baptism and two by relation. Brother E. H. Smith, of Vinco, Pa., was with us and did us valuable service and made many friends among those that are without. We had a most joyous waiting before the Lord, and as a result are much revived for which we thank God.

D. J. HETRIC.

FROM MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH.

As the work at this place has not been reported to the EVANGELIST for some time, I take pleasure in saying we are yet alive; but fear we have been too backward in our duty we owe to Christ and to the Church. There have been several additions since I last wrote and I truly hope that the future will speak better words for us than the past and in order that there may be, so work must be our motto. We are also as anxious as ever for our traveling ministers to give us a call and preach some to us as we are as hungry as ever for the Bread of Life.

N. D. WRIGHT.

Holbrook, W. Ya.

FROM WILLIAMSTOWN.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Work on the new church at this place is still moving on towards completion; everything is moving on smoothly. The plasterers have begun work lathing and will begin plastering in a few days. We have a fine energetic building committee that looks after the interests of the building. Carpenters have lost time on account of not having material. Some may think the work is progressing slowly, but it is not being done in a haphazard way. It is being built firm and solid throughout which makes it much better when done. Brother Swinehart, of Indiana, was with us over Sabbath. He delivered a very able sermon to a large audience on Sabbath evening.

W. B. TROWBRIDGE, Cor. Sec.

MILLERSBURG CHURCH.

I have done but little preaching this summer, although the church is healthy. Has a good K. O. society, and received a few by baptism this summer. Having moved from Millersburg to North English, it is inconvenient for me, and expensive, and receiving no salary, I have only preached as I felt I could afford it. Held our communion last Sunday evening; was well represented, but sorry to state that sister Mattie Miller at the communion bid us farewell, a bright worker in the church leaving for California to join her brother Ross J. Miller, of Grapeland, in company with her father.

Now, brother Ross, it was bad enough when you left us, but to cause others to leave, it has become intolerable.

JOHN A. MYERS.

North English, Iowa.

FROM BROTHER SUMMERS.

One more baptized recently in the Salem congregation, and the work moves on.

One more added to our Maple Grove church at our last appointment.

At our last regular meeting at College Corner, five came out on the Lord's side and the Brethren are rejoicing.

FROM PHILADELPHIA, PA.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—We have been holding forth for one week; more prayer and earnest work is being done for this meeting than any I have held for a long time. Every evening we spend half an hour in prayer and song for the meeting. Then some of the sisters meet through the day and offer special prayers for our meetings. We are already seeing the fruits of this work. Several have already confessed Christ, many unconverted are feeling the power of prayer. We will have baptism Monday and Tuesday evenings. Our meetings will continue at least two more weeks.

Brethren we beg of you to offer a short earnest faithful prayer every evening for the blessing of God upon us. A special prayer each evening between 7:30 and 8 P. M. Pray that an increase of God's power may be manifested, souls convicted and converted. Brethren please heed it from the day you receive this in print and this church will do the same and if faithfully done our united prayers will cause God to shake this part of the society. Brethren if you knew what a strong Brethren church in Philadelphia would mean in spreading Gospel alone doctrine, collecting money for missionary purposes, etc., I know you would heed the request. May God help us all to depend more upon spiritual prayer and less upon self.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.